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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Request for Consideration filed on 04/25/06 has been fully considered and made of record.

2. The rejection of claims 6, 8, 14 & 21 which were rejected in Office Action mailed on 1/24/06 under 35 USC 103; these claims are rejected under 35 USC 103 herein for substantially the same reasons as provided in the previous Office Action which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicants' arguments filed 04/25/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the following reasons:

Applicants assert that Asao et al do not teach an IC carrying the identification information of presence or absence of lead (Claims 6 & 8; Remarks, page 2, last paragraph - page 3, 1st paragraph). Asao et al do indeed suggest the IC carrying the identification information of anticipated parts that can affect the environment (Detailed Description, Paragraph 20, line 10) and suggest mainly of the recycling of lead from the printed circuit board (Abstract). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to acknowledge that the

anticipated parts of the printed circuit board, which affect the environment can be the elements of lead or containing lead, which finally defines the information about the level of lead in the board.

4. With the remainder of the claims (Claims 14 & 21) rejected under 35 USC 103, they stand rejected as carefully articulated in the previous Office Action and in Responses to Remarks in paragraph 3 above.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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